

Chronologies - Timelines of Western Civilization

Early Ancient Greece

2000-1400 BC Traders begin Minoan civilization on Crete
2000 BC Achaeans invade Greek peninsula from the north
1400 BC Achaeans invade and control Crete
1250 BC Achaeans conquer Troy in the Asian Minor
800 BC Emergence of city-state government in Greece
750-600 BC Greece colonizes the Mediterranean world

Chronology of Roman History

750 BC Early settlement near Rome
600 BC Rome battles the Etruscans for control of central Italy
509 BC Republic of Rome is founded
264 BC Rome completes the conquest of Italy
264-146 BC Rome battles Carthage for control of the Mediterranean World
133 BC-31 BC Civil war divides the Roman Republic
49 BC Julius Caesar creates Roman empire
27 BC-180 AD Period of expansion and prosperity (Pax Romana)
337 AD Empire divided into East and West
376 AD-476 AD Germanic peoples conquer and divide Rome

Chronology of the Middle Ages in Europe

700's- Muslims control large parts of Spain
768- French Kingdom under Charlemagne
1066- William of Normandy conquers England
- sets up tax lists, common laws, royal courts
1095- 1212 Crusades are Christian efforts to reconquer Jerusalem
1215- English nobles force King John 1 to sign the Magna Carta
1295- Parliament sets limits on British monarch
1337-1453- One Hundred Year War between France and England
1348- Bubonic Plague (Black Death) strikes Western Europe
1469- Catholic Kingdoms of Castile and Aragon unite in Spain
1492- Muslims driven from Spain

Chart of the Explorers

1405-1433 Chinese fleets visit Africa
1488 Diaz (Portugal) Rounded Cape of Good Hope at Southern tip of Africa
1492 Columbus (Spain) crosses Atlantic and reaches the Americas
1494 Treaty of Tordesillas- Pope divides world between Spain and Portugal
1497 Cabot (England) arrives in Canada
1498 Da Gama (Portugal) sails around Africa and reaches India
1500 Cabral (Portgal) arrives in Brazil
1514 Portugese ships arrive in China
1519 Magellan (Spain) sails around the world
1524 Verrazano (France) explores New York harbor
1534 Cartier (France) explores St. Lawrence River